

- (1) \$180,000; or
- (2) The amount requested by the applicant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11)

Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee?

§ 644.30 What are allowable costs?

The cost principles that apply to the Educational Opportunity Centers program are in 34 CFR part 74, subpart Q. Allowable costs include the following if they are reasonably related to the objectives of the project:

(a) Transportation, meals, and, with specific prior approval of the Secretary, lodging for participants and staff for—

(1) Visits to postsecondary educational institutions to obtain information relating to the admission of participants to those institutions;

(2) Participation in “College Day” activities; and

(3) Field trips to observe and meet with people who are employed in various career fields in the target area and who can serve as role models for participants.

(b) Purchase of testing materials.

(c) Fees required for college admissions of entrance examinations if—

(1) A waiver is unavailable; and

(2) The fee is paid by the grantee to a third party on behalf of a participant.

(d) In-service training of project staff.

(e) Rental of space if—

(1) Space is not available at the site of the grantee; and

(2) The rented space is not owned by the grantee.

(f) Purchase of computer hardware, computer software, or other equipment for student development, project administration, and recordkeeping, if the applicant demonstrates to the Secretary’s satisfaction that the equipment is required to meet the objectives of the project more economically or efficiently.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-16)

§ 644.31 What are unallowable costs?

Costs that are unallowable under the Educational Opportunity Centers pro-

gram include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) Tuition, fees, stipends, and other forms of direct financial support for participants.

(b) Research not directly related to the evaluation or improvement of the project.

(c) Construction, renovation, and remodeling of any facilities.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 and 1070a-16)

§ 644.32 What other requirements must a grantee meet?

(a) *Eligibility of participants.* (1) A grantee shall determine the eligibility of each participant in the project at the time that the individual is selected to participate.

(2) A grantee shall determine the status of a low-income individual on the basis of the documentation described in section 402A(e) of the HEA.

(b) *Number of participants.* In each budget period, a grantee shall serve a minimum of 1,000 participants who reside in the target area. However, the Secretary may reduce the minimum number of these participants if the amount of the grant for the budget period is less than \$180,000.

(c) *Recordkeeping.* For each participant, a grantee shall maintain a record of—

(1) The basis for the grantee’s determination that the participant is eligible to participate in the project under § 644.3;

(2) The services that are provided to the participant; and

(3) The specific educational benefits received by the participant.

(d) *Project director.* (1) A grantee shall employ a full-time project director unless paragraph (d)(3) of this section applies.

(2) The grantee shall give the project director sufficient authority to administer the project effectively.

(3) The Secretary waives the requirement in paragraph (d) (1) of this section if the applicant demonstrates that the requirement will hinder coordination—

(i) Among the Federal TRIO Programs (sections 402A through 402F of the HEA); or

(ii) Between the programs funded under sections 402A through 410 of the